

**National Museum of Natural History
(Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India)**

REPORT

National Workshop on Environmental Education in Museums and Formal Educational Institutions:

(18-19 February, 2012)

A National Workshop on Environmental Education in Museums and Formal Educational Institutions was organized on 18-19 February 2012 in collaboration with Department of Museology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. The venue for the workshop was Cultural Hall, Maulana Azad Library, A. M. U., Aligarh.

The learned professionals, Scientists, academicians and museologists reviewed, discussed the need, prospects and challenges of implementing the environmental education in formal and non-formal education system. The emphasis was laid on role of museums in providing environmental education.

On this occasion a "Poster Making Competition" was held in the Lawns of the Deptt. Of Museology, AMU, Aligarh on 19th February 2012 in two categories for school students and college students. The Topic for the competition was "Save Our Planet". The First, Second, Third and Consolation Prizes in both the categories were awarded during the Valediction function of the workshop.

National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) was represented at the workshop by seven officials. Dr. Reena Dey, Scientist-C, Sh. Vipin Saxena, Publication Asstt., Sh. K. S. Attri, Sr. Edu. Asstt., Sh. R. C. Lall, Artist, Sh. Vikas Rana, Edu. Asstt., Sh. Jagdev Sharma, Lab. Asstt. and Sh. Parveen Malik, L. D. C. were part of the delegation from NMNH at the workshop.

A combined Paper was presented at the workshop by Dr. Reena Dey, K. S. Attri and Vikas Rana. The Topic of the presentation was "Role of Museum in Environmental Education". It included how NMNH is involved in bringing awareness regarding environment among children, teachers and common lay man through its various educational programmes, activities, nature camps, indoors and out-door programmes, special programmes for specially challenged and through interpretation of gallery exhibits.

Dr. S. M. Nair, Ex-Director, NMNH and Centre for Environmental Education gave the keynote Address as Chief Guest at the Inaugural function. Prof. Iftikhar Alam Khan, former Chairman, D/o Museology, AMU was the Guest of Honour. Presidential Address was given by Prof. S. U. Farooqui, Vice Chancellor, AMU. Dr. Reena Dey, Scientist-C, NMNH gave the Introductory Remarks and Prof. S. Asif A. Naqvi, D/o Museology, AMU gave the Theme Presentation on "Environmental Education in Museums and Formal Educational Institutions".

Some of the Paper Presentations at the workshop are as following:

1. "Modern Media and Techniques in Promotion of Environmental Education in Museums" by Dr. R. V. Ramana, Asso. Prof., Deptt. Of Museology, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.
2. "Role of Drama/Theatre in Environmental Education" by Prof. S. Asif A. Naqvi, D/o Museology, AMU
3. "Environmental Education-A Tread towards Development" by Mr. Farhan Fazili, Asstt. Prof., D/o Architecture, AMU
4. Discussion by Dr. (Mrs.) J. Kedareswari Sastri, Museum Keeper, Salarjung Museum, Hyderabad
5. "Environmental Education: An Unavoidable factor for the Sustainable Development" by Prof. H. S. A. Yahya, D/o Wild Life, AMU
6. "Museum Education and Museology Curriculum" by Mr. Aziz Saleem Hassan, JTO, AMU
7. "Role of Museum in Environmental Education" by Dr. Reena Dey, Scientist-C, K. S. Attri, Sr. Edu. Asstt. and Vikas Rana, Edu. Asstt., NMNH, N. Delhi
8. "Climate Change Law and Policy" by Ms. Tabassum Chawdhary, F/o Law, AMU
9. "Environment literacy" by Kanika Mondal, Research Scholar, M. S. Baroda University
10. "Environment and Education" by Dr. Tanzeem Fatima, Asstt. Lecturer, F/o Law, AMU
11. "Role of the Artists in creating Environmental awareness" by Rehana Khusroo, Asstt. Lecturer, D/o Fine Arts, AMU
12. "Environmental Awareness by Comtemporary Artists" by Bushra Naseem, Guest Faculty, D/o Fine Arts, AMU
13. "Impact of Museum Climate on Museum Objects" by Dr. Md. Irfan, Lecturer, D/o Museology, AMU
14. "Strategies in environmental education: Indian scenario" by Mr. Danish Mahmood, D/o Museology, AMU
15. "Prospects and Challenges in Implementing Environmental Education in Higher Education" by Dr. Abduraheem K. and Ms. Sheeba Khan, D/o Museology, AMU